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1. The Transitstelle, a part of the Amt fuer Kontrolle des Warenverkehrs (Transit Office, part of the Office for the Control of Goods Traffic) was concerned solely with the licensing of goods being shipped between West Germany and West Berlin. It was not concerned with goods imported to East Germany. No Russian official was known to have attempted to expedite a given shipment of goods from West Germany to West Berlin.

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3. The head of the AKW directed a voluminous correspondence to the SED Central Committee and all such correspondence was addressed to the attention of either Willy Stoph or Roebelin (fnu). The AKW appeared to be under very close political surveillance of the SED.
4. In early 1951, the Transitstelle was located in the Franzoesische Strasse, Berlin, and was responsible directly to the Ministry of Foreign Trade. Shortly thereafter, it was placed under the Amt fuer Kontrolle des Warenverkehrs and removed to the premises of AKW in the Luisenstrasse, Berlin.

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